

## National association accredits KSC Child Care Center

### ◆ Child Care Center at KSC Earns National Accreditation:

The Child Development Center, located on Fifth St. at KSC, has received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. The center provides safe, quality child care in a stimulating environment in which children can develop mentally, physically, socially and emotionally. Child care services are available to all KSC civil service and on-site contractor employees.

To earn NAEYC accreditation, a program conducts a self-study to determine how well it meets the standards. After necessary improvements are made, the program is observed by independent, professional validators and then reviewed by a national panel. Programs are accredited for a five-year period.

◆ **ELV Update:** The two solar arrays for the MESSENGER space-



craft are undergoing cleaning inspections and voltage checks (see below left) in preparation for installation today and tomorrow.

◆ **Free KSC Visitor Complex Admission for Badged Employees** — Through Labor Day, Sept. 6, all KSC and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station badged employees may receive one complimentary Maximum Access Admission to the KSC Visitor Complex. Employees may also buy up to six additional admissions at 50 percent off.

Tickets must be purchased in person between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at ticket windows #1-4 at the Visitor Complex. ***Please present your badge at time of purchase.*** Maximum Access Admission includes all exhibits, Astronaut Encounter, IMAX® space films, the KSC bus tour and Astronaut Hall of Fame. Call 452-2121 or visit [www.KennedySpaceCenter.com](http://www.KennedySpaceCenter.com) for more information.

◆ **Students SHARPen Skills During Summer at KSC** — Twenty-one students from counties surrounding KSC are at the Center to take part in SHARP (Summer High School Apprenticeship Research Program).

SHARP is designed for students who have demonstrated an aptitude and strong interest in science,

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technology, engineering, mathematics and geography. Each summer, approximately 400 students are selected to participate in SHARP at NASA Centers across the nation. Some of NASA's top science professionals, while conducting cutting-edge research and working on state-of-the-art equipment, mentor qualified students who earn a salary for their services.

Students will present their summer research projects at a public event July 30 at the KSC Visitor Complex. For information about NASA SHARP on the Internet, visit <http://www.nasasharp.com/>.

◆ **NASA Science** — Whatever happened to virtual reality? Twenty years after the first wave of hype, virtual reality is making a comeback in NASA laboratories. Go to [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/21jun\\_vr.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/21jun_vr.htm) to read more.

◆ **Reminder** — The second Disability Awareness & Action Working Group employee focus session is being held 1-3 p.m. June 29 in the MFF Cafeteria. To help facilitate arrangements, please RSVP to Peggy Parrish at 476-4000 or by e-mail at [Peggy.G.Parrish@nasa.gov](mailto:Peggy.G.Parrish@nasa.gov).

◆ **Did You Know?** Monday, July 5, is a federal holiday celebrating Independence Day, which falls on Sunday this year.